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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for filing an Appeal Brief pursuant to Appellants' Notice of Appeal mailed January 26, 2000 be extended for four months, to and including July 26, 2000.

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